

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 (Canceled).

2 (Currently amended). A In combination with an audiovisual information management system resident on an electronic device having a memory containing a usage preferences description scheme that describes current preferences of a user with respect to at least one of an audio, an image, or a video comprising a plurality of frames, a usage history description scheme for said at least one of an audio, an image, and a video comprising a plurality of frames, said usage history description scheme comprising:

- (a) said usage history description scheme containing information stored in said memory about a user with respect to said at least one of said audio, image, and video based upon previous usage of said at least one of said audio, image, and video; and
- (b) said usage history description scheme including at least one description type defined by, at least in part, a thesaurus describing possible user actions including at least one of: (i) a user pausing content; (ii) a user fast forwarding content; (iii) a user rewinding content; (iv) a user muting content; (v) a user increasing the volume of content; (vi) a user decreasing the volume of content; (vii) a user randomly shuffling content; (viii) a user looping content; and (ix) a user copying from a CD; and
- (c) said usage history description scheme operatively interconnected to said usage preferences scheme so as to periodically update said usage preferences description scheme.

3 (currently amended). The combination usage history description scheme of claim 2 wherein said usage history description scheme describes information of said user with respect to said audio.

4 (currently amended). The combination ~~usage history description scheme~~ of claim 2 wherein said usage history description scheme describes information of said user with respect to said image.

5 (currently amended). The combination ~~usage history description scheme~~ of claim 2 wherein said usage history description scheme describes information of said user with respect to said video.

6 (currently amended). A In combination with an audiovisual information management system resident on an electronic device having a memory, a description scheme for at least one of an audio, an image, and a video comprising a plurality of frames, said description scheme comprising:

- (a) ~~said description scheme containing~~ information about a user with respect to said at least one of said audio, image, and video based upon previous usage of said at least one of said audio, image, and video; and
- (b) said description scheme including at least one type characterized by, at least in part, a time associated with said at least one of said audio, image, and video, said time expressed in coordinated universal time and media time.

7 (currently amended). The combination ~~usage history description scheme~~ of claim 6 wherein said time is coordinated universal time.

8 (currently amended). The combination ~~usage history description scheme~~ of claim 6 wherein said description scheme describes information of said user with respect to said audio.

9 (currently amended). The combination ~~usage history description scheme~~ of claim 6 wherein said description scheme describes information of said user with respect to said image.

10 (currently amended). The ~~combination usage history description scheme~~ of claim 6 wherein said description scheme describes information of said user with respect to said video.

11 (currently amended). ~~A system including a~~ In combination with an audiovisual information management system resident on an electronic device having a memory, a usage history description scheme for at least one of an audio, an image, and a video comprising a plurality of frames, said usage history description scheme comprising:

- (a) said usage history description scheme stored on a mobile storage device selectively insertable into a multimedia system, and containing information about a user with respect to said at least one of said audio, image, and video based upon previous usage of said at least one of said audio, image, and video;
- (b) content descriptions referenced by said usage history description scheme; and
- (c) said system including referencing functionality permitting said usage history description scheme to reference selected portions of selected said content descriptions.

12 (currently amended). The ~~system~~ combination of claim 11 wherein said selected portion is to a segment of a video that the user reviews in slow motion.

13 (currently amended). The ~~system~~ combination of claim 11 wherein said selected portion is to a hyperlink.

14 (currently amended). The ~~system~~ combination of claim 11 wherein said selected portion is to a web site.

15 (currently amended). The ~~system~~ combination of claim 11 wherein said selected portion is to an electronic program guide.

16 (currently amended). ~~A system including a~~ In combination with an audiovisual information management system resident on an electronic device having a memory, a usage history description scheme for at least one of an audio, an image, and a video comprising a plurality of frames, said usage history description scheme comprising:

- (a) said usage history description scheme stored on a mobile storage device selectively insertable into a multimedia system, and containing information about a user with respect to said at least one of said audio, image, and video based upon previous usage of said at least one of said audio, image, and video; and
- (b) said system capturing content for said usage history description scheme at a selectable level of detail.

17 (currently amended). The ~~system~~ combination of claim 16 wherein said level of detail is based, at least in part, on the capabilities of said system.

18 (currently amended). The ~~system~~ combination of claim 17 wherein said different said selectable level of detail is suitable for interchangeability with other such systems.

19 (currently amended). The ~~system~~ combination of claim 16 wherein one of said selectable level captures all user actions.

20 (currently amended). The ~~system~~ combination of claim 16 wherein one of said selectable level captures statistical information regarding user actions.

21 (currently amended). The combination ~~usage history description scheme~~ of claim 16 wherein said usage history description scheme describes information of said user with respect to said audio.

22 (currently amended). The combination ~~usage history description scheme~~ of claim 16 wherein said usage history description scheme describes information of said user with respect to said image.

23 (currently amended). The combination ~~usage history description scheme~~ of claim 16 wherein said usage history description scheme describes information of said user with respect to said video.

24 (currently amended). A In combination with an audiovisual information management system resident on an electronic device having a memory, a usage history description scheme for at least one of an audio, an image, and a video comprising a plurality of frames, said usage history description scheme comprising:

- (a) ~~said usage history description scheme containing~~ information about a user with respect to said at least one of said audio, image, and video based upon previous usage of said at least one of said audio, image, and video; and
- (b) said usage history description scheme including data indicating whether personal identification information of said user is intended to be revealed to third parties.

25 (currently amended). The combination ~~usage history description scheme~~ of claim 24 wherein said usage history description scheme describes information of said user with respect to said audio.

26 (currently amended). The combination ~~usage history description scheme~~ of claim 24 wherein said usage history description scheme describes information of said user with respect to said image.

27 (currently amended). The combination usage history description scheme of claim 24 wherein said usage history description scheme describes information of said user with respect to said video.

28 (currently amended). ~~A system including a~~ In combination with an audiovisual information management system resident on an electronic device having a memory, a usage history description scheme for at least one of an audio, an image, and a video comprising a plurality of frames, said usage history description scheme comprising:

- (a) ~~said usage history description scheme containing~~ information about a user with respect to said at least one of said audio, image, and video based upon previous usage of said at least one of said audio, image, and video; and
- (b) said system permitting a user to selectively define the content of said usage history description scheme at multiple levels of granularity.

29 (currently amended). The ~~system~~ combination of claim 28 wherein said levels of granularity are defined for multiple users.

30 (currently amended). The ~~system~~ combination of claim 28 wherein said levels of granularity are used to generate personalized programming.

31 (currently amended). The ~~system~~ combination of claim 28 wherein said usage history description scheme describes information of said user with respect to said audio.

32 (currently amended). The ~~system~~ combination of claim 28 wherein said usage history description scheme describes information of said user with respect to said image.

33 (currently amended). The ~~system~~ combination of claim 28 wherein said usage history description scheme describes information of said user with respect to said video.

34 (previously presented). A method of using usage history information describing at least one of an audio, an image, and a video comprising a plurality of frames comprising:

- (a) providing said usage history information stored on a mobile storage device selectively insertable into a multimedia system, and containing information about a user with respect to said at least one of said audio, image, and video based upon previous usage of said at least one of said audio, image, and video; and
- (b) selectively defining the content of said usage history description scheme at multiple levels of granularity.

35 (Previously presented). The method of claim 34 wherein said levels of granularity are defined for multiple users.

36 (Previously presented). The method of claim 34 wherein said levels of granularity are used to generate personalized programming.

37 (Previously presented). The method of claim 34 wherein said content is used by parents to track their children's viewing habits.

38 (Previously presented). The method of claim 37 wherein said tracking is used to control the children's access to objectionable content.

39-41 (Canceled).

42 (Previously presented). The method of claim 6 wherein said information is processed to determine preferences of said user.

43 (Previously presented). The method of claim 11 wherein said information is processed to determine preferences of said user.

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44 (Previously presented). The method of claim 16 wherein said information is processed to determine preferences of said user.

45 (Previously presented). The method of claim 24 wherein said information is processed to determine preferences of said user.

46 (Previously presented). The method of claim 28 wherein said information is processed to determine preferences of said user.

47 (Previously presented). The method of claim 28 wherein said information is processed to determine preferences of said user.

48 (Previously presented). The method of claim 34 wherein said information is processed to determine preferences of said user.

49 (canceled).